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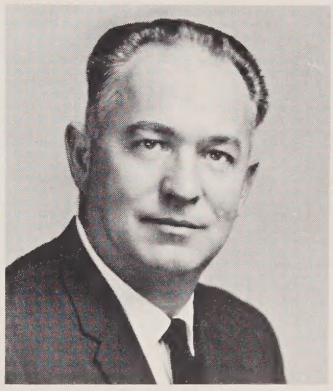

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Grand Master of Masons
in North Carolina

NOV. 19, 20, 21

ANITA JOHNSON
Miss North Carolina of 1969

REGULAR MEETING:

New Bern Lodge of Perfection No. 6

Monday Night, Nov. 11, 1968—8:00 P.M.

SPECIAL MEETING:

New Bern Lodge of Perfection No. 6

Monday Night, Nov. 18, 1968—8:00 P.M.

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ALLEGIANCE

The several Bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, sitting in the Valley of New Bern, Orient of North Carolina, acknowledge and yield Allegiance to the Supreme Council of the Thirty-Third Degree, the Mother Council of the World, whose See is at Charleston, in the State of South Carolina, of which Luther A Smith, 33°, is Grand Commander, Fred Kleinknecht, Jr., 33°, is Secretary General, James G. Johnston, 33°, is Sovereign Grand Inspector General in North Carolina, and Robert L. Pugh, 33°, is Personal Representative in the Valley of New Bern of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General in N. C.

GREETINGS

To All Scottish Rite Masons

Wherever Dispersed Throughout the World

You are cordially invited to join with the Co-ordinate Bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, sitting in the Valley of New Bern, Orient of North Carolina, in their

FALL REUNION
November 19, 20 and 21, 1968

THANKSGIVING

I do not have to search too far
On this Thanksgiving Day
To see that God has walked with me,
For all along the way
Rich blessings have surrounded me
And everywhere I see
Ten thousand things to give thanks for.
Thus, thankful I should be.

I did not even have to ask,
God gave the sun and rain
And just this spring new flowers
bloomed;
Song birds built nest again.
With summer came long peaceful days,
Soft, warm and starry nights.
The Whip-poor-will sang constantly,
With God all things are right.

I do not have to worry now
Cause from the yellow field
The cornucopia is overfilled,
Abundant is the yield;
But then, I'm sure God meant for me
To breathe one thankful prayer,
Then do my best to bring about
Thanksgiving everywhere.

Garland Metts, 32°

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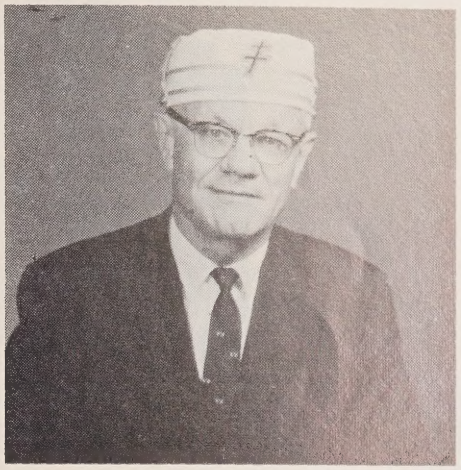


R. L. Pugh, 33°

Dear Brethren:

We are making every effort possible to have the biggest Reunion we have ever had, but we must admit that the number of petitions that are now coming into the office do not warrant a feeling of confidence. There are many prospects who are waiting to be approached. Very few of them will make the initial step themselves and it is, therefore, necessary for our workers to contact them.

Our Court of Honour, Ambassadors and Club Presidents have all been supplied with the names and addresses of a number of prospects in your immediate area. Our workers could do nothing better than to call a meeting at once of those who are interested in making the contacts and provide them with the names of the prospects.

Every Scottish Rite Valley in North Carolina that has already held its Fall Reunion has shown an increase over the class membership for last Fall. Surely the Valley of New Bern cannot afford to fall below its usual outstanding record.

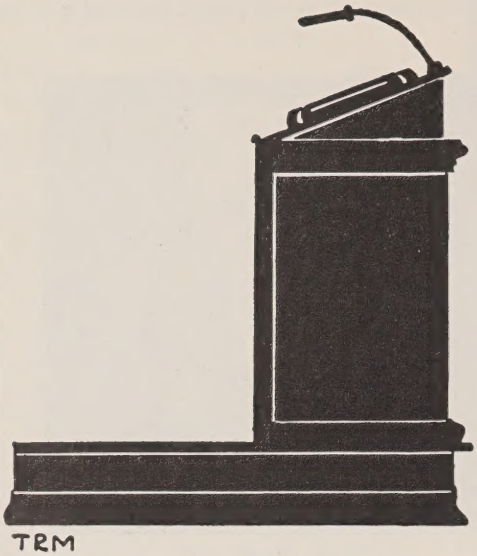
Never before have we been able to offer such outstanding features of a Reunion as the offering that is made at this time. A full page announcement of these features is being shown in this issue. Use these as you contact your prospect.

The Valley of New Bern has never fallen down in the size or quality of its Reunions and we have very much confidence that it is going to measure up to the fullest in November.

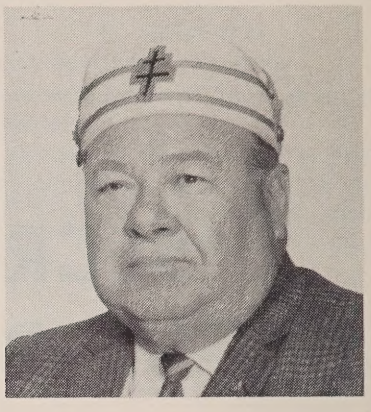
Sincerely and fraternally,

R. L. Pugh

Robert L. Pugh, 33°, Secretary



From The Classroom



BY EDWARD P. BLAIR, 33° CLASS LECTURER

WHAT IS SCOTTISH RITE MASONRY?

By E. P. Blair, 33°

Sometimes it is difficult to define something in terms of itself. However, there are a few observations I have made concerning Scottish Rite Masonry down through the years that seem to set it apart from all other Movements.

Outside of the Home, a Mother's love, and our Church there is nothing more beautiful than the spirit of our Movement. Surely, there is no Movement in which so much good can be accomplished by an individual. Gentle, gracious, and wise its greatest mission is to form mankind into a great Brotherhood—a league of Noble and Free Men joined together in the cause of working out the Salvation of the Human race. With touching scenes, pictures, and words it appeals to the basic intellect of man to be tolerant and forgiving; surely, this the road to Peace and Neighborliness. Scottish Masonry also appeals to the intellect by reaching out for our faith to enlist it in a yearning for Liberty and Freedom. Scottish Masonry helps us to think, to see the more hopeful side of Life. Its appeal is more eloquent than all others to the Heart and Soul of a Man, out of which come the issues of Life.

Scottish Masonry is Friendship on the top bracket. The happiest moments of my Life have been spent in the Fellowship of our Brethren with the exception of my own family and those with whom I work in my chosen vocation of Public Education. Our Movement teaches us to be friends with all men, no matter how they may differ from the rest of us in nationality or creed. My friends, there is nothing that can bring us closer to the Creator Himself than to be with his Disciples here on earth. One can find in Scottish Masonry an abundance of these stalwart men. Is there anything better than this, that the best of men can hope to do? Is it not worth the time, the care, and labor that we use to make this ideal one of our main objectives in Life?

Scottish Masonry is not a mere sentiment of one's sympathy; its roots are grounded in a Philosophy that exalts the very highest in Liberty, Tolerance, Patriotism, Loyalty, and Religion. It surely stems from the oldest and most widely spread Movement known to man, other than the beliefs of the Master Himself.

Scottish Masonry gives the inquiring seeker after Lights, the Lights for which he has been seeking. We meet at its altar as man to man on the same degree of equality without fear, without pretense, and without reproach. It is not a playground but rather it is a Thinking-ground where you come to grips with yourself; where you ask yourself some soul-searching questions such as, "Why am I here," "Where am I going," and "How shall I conduct myself while here,"—we need to think on these things, My Brethren.

Its simple faith is dedicated to the highest of moral ideals. We need to subdue the evil that would rise within us and to let the purposes for which we were created shine before men. Surely, there must be a purpose for our existence. We were not supposed to simply exist as a burden on society and then pass on into oblivion. It has been said that, "A Gentleman is a Man who puts more into Life than he takes out of it." Thus, we can all be Gentlemen.

I cannot adequately define Scottish Masonry even after 25 years of active service in it, but I can say this; it is livable, it is lovable, and it is constantly looking towards the Divine Creator towards which all of us are steadily moving. "I can recommend it to all without hesitation, mental reservation, or secret evasion of mind." I know, too, that when Scottish Masonry shall have sway over the actions of men, our Society will be a vast Communion of friendly fellowship; Business will be like a system of service; the Home will be more holy than ever before; Injustice, Intolerance, Bigotry, and Vice will no longer defile and defame humanity; every-Tyranny will fall; every Bastille will crumble into dust; and Man will be unfettered in mind and soul to walk in the Light which forever will illuminate our pathway.

This, My Brethren, is Scottish Masonry and this is why I endorse it to you. You cannot find the climax in the first three Degrees. It is inconceivable that all of Masonry could be pressed into Three Separate Lessons, as beautiful as they are. Yes, *there must be more*, and I find it a privilege and a pleasure to point the way to Scottish Masonry.

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THREE REUNION FEATURES

1. Dinner Hour Tuesday evening, November 19:
   Anita Johnson, Miss North Carolina for 1969. She will present her prize winning solo — "As Long As He Needs Me".

2. Dinner hour Wednesday evening, November 20:
   Lt. General Herman Nickerson, Jr., 33°. He will bring a brief address to the Brethren at this hour.

3. Dinner hour, Thursday evening, November 21:
   M.·.W.·. Robert N. Bass, Jr., 33°, Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina. He will address the assembled Brethren at this hour.

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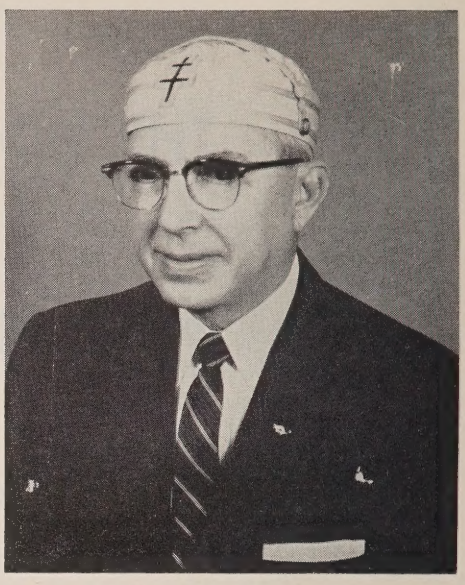

William C. Moore, 33°,
Assistant Director of Work

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Director of Dining Room, Paul V. Vogan, 32°, K.C.C.H.
Asst. Director of Dining Room, Marvin D. Wilson, 32°, K.C.C.H.

REUNION ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, November 19, 1968

10:00 A.M.— 4°—Secret Master. Charles T. Potter, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Nat M Baxter, H. L. Lunly, Ray Chadwick, M. D. Opphile.

10:45 A.M.— 5°—Perfect Master. Ben F. Gillikin, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by C. W. Guptil, J. G. McDaniel, Albert Gianotti, Dewey Gillikin, L. T. Barrington, H. L. Lundy, J. E. Blaylock, Paul V. Vogan, Ira Stephens, J. F. Payne, Andrew Murphey, W. E. Gardner.

11:45 A.M.— 6°—Confidential Secretary. Charles R. Gray, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Chas. P. Gaskins, W. J. Rogers, Paul Jewett.

12:15 P.M.— 7°—Provost and Judge. W. I. Gause, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by L. Guy Matthis, B. L. Parker, M. D. Opphile, R. L. Pugh, Robert Forrest.

1:00 P.M. —Luncheon.

2:15 P.M.— 8°—Intendant of Building. Earl Noe, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Neal Windley, Charles R. Davis, C. F. Lewis, S. C. Chadwick, Jr., Leonard Daniels, Tommie Avery.

3:00 P.M.— 9°—Elu of Nine. W. C. Moore, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Paul Vogan, L. Guy Matthis, M. D. Opphile, Tom Brown, B. F. Gillikin, H. J. MacDonald, H. W. Gillikin, Guy Langston, L. T. Barrington, C. T. Potter, Neil Vester.

4:00 P.M.—10°—Elu of Fifteen. C. W. Guptil, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Bill Blair, Neil Vester, Miller Basnight, J. L. Ashley, A. F. Wood, Lester Hart, Dannie M. Whitford.

4:45 P.M.—11°—Elu of Twelve. Charles H. Whedbee, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by J. W. H. Roberts, Paul Jewett, Clyde Stubbs, Owen Lemmon, Neil Vester, Miller Basnight.

12°—Communicated.

5:45 P.M.—13°—Royal Arch of Solomon. E. P. Blair, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Richard H. Lucas, Jack G. White, Raymond Leggett, Oscar Brock, Bill Blair.

Program Scottish Rite Reunion (Cont.)

6:30 P.M. —Dinner. "Miss North Carolina Night"

7:30 P.M.—14°—Perfect Elu. Louis N. Howard, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by B. F. Gillikin, Nelson Banks, O. H. Lemmon, C. W. Guptil, James E. Blaylock, W. E. Gardner, Andrew Murphy, Howard B. Constant, John A. Sawyer, Jr.

Wednesday, November 20, 1968

9:15 A.M.—15°—Knight of the East, G. C. Langston, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by A. T. Willis, Jr., Raymond Leggett, Chas. T. Potter, O. J. Aldridge, C. Wallace Jackson, N. M. Baxter, John R. Baugham.

16°—Communicated.

11:15 A.M.—17°—Knight of the East and West. Nelson Banks, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Ashley G. Leggett, Ebbie Gaylord, Harry L. Mann, Raymond Leggett, Harold Sawyer.

12:00 M. —Luncheon.

1:15 P.M.—18°—Knight of Rose Croix. Edward C. Howard, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Owen H. Lemmon, S. A. McPherson, Jr., R. L. Pugh, Albert Gianotti, Eddie Paul, Jr., Albert T. Willis, Jr.

19°—Communicated.

3:30 P.M.—20°—Master of Symbolic Lodge. Thomas G. Slate, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by D. L. McRainey, William C. Hammond, Jr., R. V. McBryde, William S. Oliver, Alex Arab, William L. Ramsey, Norris M. Vallandingham, Warren H. Coolidge.

4:45 P.M.—21°—Noachite or Prussian Knight. John G. Ormsby, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Tom Brown, R. L. Pugh, Paul V. Vogan, W. H. Scott, W. L. Adams, Guy C. Langston, C. T. Potter, Oscar C. Brock.

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5:30 P.M.—26°—Prince of Mercy. Reynold S. Davenport, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by J. C. Vail, G. E. Roberts, W. F. Thomason, Louie J. Smith, Charles W. Summerlin, Dr. P. T. Lancaster.

6:30 P.M. —Dinner. "General Nickerson Night"

7:30 P.M.—27°—Knight Commander of the Temple. L. Guy Matthis, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Neil Vester, J. D. Reese, A. N. Heath, W. H. Purser, E. P. Blair, Oscar Sermons, W. R. Newell, O. J. Aldridge, A. T. Willis, Jr., Guy C. Langston, Raymond Leggett, Oscar C. Brock, W. H. Scott.

28°—Communicated.

8:45 P.M.—29°—Scottish Knight of St. Andrew. Francis W. Clark, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Robert F. Spence, Clinton E. Bunch, Lindsay Barber, Samuel A. McPherson, Jr., Cosby S. Jones, Walter T. Kirby, Wilborne M. Smith, Irvin Weatherly, Tom Brown, W. T. Hawkins, L. T. Barrington, Everett Brothers, Carlice Williams.

Thursday, November 21, 1968

9:30 A.M.—30°—Knight Kadosh.

1st Apartment: Walter Kirby, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master; Assisted by Francis W. Clark.

2nd Apartment: Clifton Matthews, 32°, Master. Assisted by Cecil T. Boyette and Mark Ellis.

3rd Apartment: T. Bruce Boyette, 32°, K.C.C.H. Assisted by Alonzo Honeycutt and Wilson Scottish Rite Club.

4th Apartment: Alonzo Honeycutt, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master; Assisted by Carl Aycock.

12:00 M. —Luncheon

1:30 P.M.—31°—Inspector Inquisitor. L. T. Barrington, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Francis W. Clark, C. Wallace Jackson, B. F. Gillikin, A. N. Heath, Charles R. Gray, O. H. Lemmon, Albert Gianotti, Eddie Paul, Jr., Chas. T. Potter, V. J. Spivey, Warren H. Coolidge, Robert F. Spence, W. C. Hammond.

3:30 P.M.—32°—Master of Royal Secret. Wm. R. Leggett, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Walter Kirby, Robert F. Spence, Wallace Jackson, Lee Dorsey, Kirby Hawkins, Jimmy Rochelle, Johnnie Braxton, Oscar C. Brock, Francis W. Clark, Chas. R. Gray, C. E. Bunch, W. M. Smith, A. C. Walters, H. F. Griffin, O. H. Lemmon, W. J. Bundy, R. L. Pugh, Fred Woodruff, R. D. Shinkle, John D. Charlton, Amos Leggett, Ronald C. Wall.

5:45 P.M. —Banquet closing Reunion. "Grand Master's Night"

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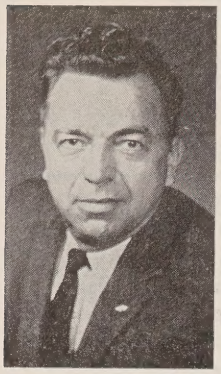
Bagpipe Skirls

Dear Brethren,

The story is told of a young man in his early twenties who was to graduate from college within three weeks. He had striven hard, too hard, for his comparatively frail body to endure. Before graduation day he was rushed to a sanitorium in a very critical condition. Within a short time, due to complications from diseases, he lost his eyesight completely.



The young man recovered, in part. He was confined to his bed, did not regain his sight, but did learn to type and cultivated a talent for writing poetry. He did not grow bitter and rebellious at his misfortune. While he did not glory in his tribulation, he rejoiced in the power that was his to endure patiently. He wrote:

I'm thankful, Lord, for loving care;
I'm thankful, too, for something more;
I'm thankful, Lord, that I can bear
The things that I'm not thankful for.

* * * *

A quote frequently heard on a local radio station worth remembering: "You may not have what you'd like, so try to like what you have."

* * * *

A man is what he thinks about all day long.

Our minds can become treasure houses if we make nests of pleasant thoughts.

* * * *

This is the way one man puts it: "The Presidential candidates are campaigning wrong — they ought to leave the country. I speak as a man who is consistantly elected to civic and church offices while absent."

* * * *

Father of six children, returning to bed after hearing disturbance in the house: "It was just a burglar stealing our television set. I let him take it!"

* * * *

A careful driver is one who just saw the driver in front of him get a traffic ticket.

* * * *

Henry Ford said, "The great trouble with the school of experience is that the graduates are too old to go to work."

* * * *

Wife to husband: "Why can't I go abroad and spend your money instead of the government doing it for me?"

* * * *

We might be more eager to accept good advice if it did not continually interfere with our plans.

* * * *

A five year old girl, taken by her mother to a violin recital, was warned to make no sound while the artist was playing.

Respectfully and silently, she suffered through the lengthy number. Then, when the audience applauded, the child turned to her mother and inquired gravely, "Is it all right if I scream now?"

* * * *

One thing a child usually learns when he gets his first drum is that he'll never get another one.

* * * *

"Daddy, what are those holes in the

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Tuesday, November 19

9:00 A. M. to
11:30 A.M. Register in Scottish Rite Temple, Hancock and Johnson Streets, New Bern, N. C.
12:30 P.M. Lunch—Scottish Rite Temple
2:00 P.M. Tour of Cherry Point—World's Largest Marine Air Base or Tour of Morehead City, Atlantic Beach, Beaufort, Fort Macon, Emerald Isle and Swansboro (quaint fishing village with colonial atmosphere).
6:00 P.M. Dinner at Scottish Rite Temple
7:30 P.M. Theatre Party, Masonic Theatre

Wednesday, November 20

9:30 A.M. Tour of Tryon's Palace and its formal 18th Century Gardens
12:30 P.M. Lunch—Scottish Rite Temple
2:00 P.M. Tour of New Bern's famous 67 points of historic interest
6:00 P.M. Dinner at Temple

Thursday, November 21

8:30 A.M. Tour of Camp Lejeune
1:00 P.M. Lunch—Jacksonville, N. C.
3:00 P.M. Theatre Party, Masonic Theatre
6:00 P.M. Dinner at Temple

board for?"

"Those are knot holes."

"Well, if they're not holes, what are they?"

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Now, Brethren, it's hard to believe that time is getting away from us so rapidly. How long has it seemed to you since last Thanksgiving? Only a few weeks? I thought so. Now another is almost here. And another Scottish Rite Reunion. Let's put them both foremost in our thoughts and actions. For, as Winston Churchill said, "What is the use of living, if it be not to strive for noble causes and to make this muddled world a better place for those who will live in it after we are gone?"

Your piper,
Paul Stevens

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Craven County Chapter
Order of DeMolay September 1, 1968

Dear Brethren:

We of Havelock Chapter wish to thank you for your wonderful work in initiating our candidates and assisting our chapter to get back on its feet after being closed for three long years.

The outstanding degree work your brethren did here at Havelock is hard to beat, and we have had many very nice comments on this. We wish again to thank you brethren and if we can be of any service to you **please** don't hesitate to call on us.

To Mr. Pugh, there are no words that can equal our thanks to him and our fond love of him not only for this wonderful installation but for the many Masonic and civil programs he has assisted us with.

Dad Wilson—what can we say? We do not have enough words of appreciation for you but for a state dad you are tops. We are with you all the way and thank you very much.

Brother and Mrs. Sermons—your assistance, patience, guidance and love for us cannot be equaled, thank you very much.

Fraternally yours,

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NOVEMBER 12

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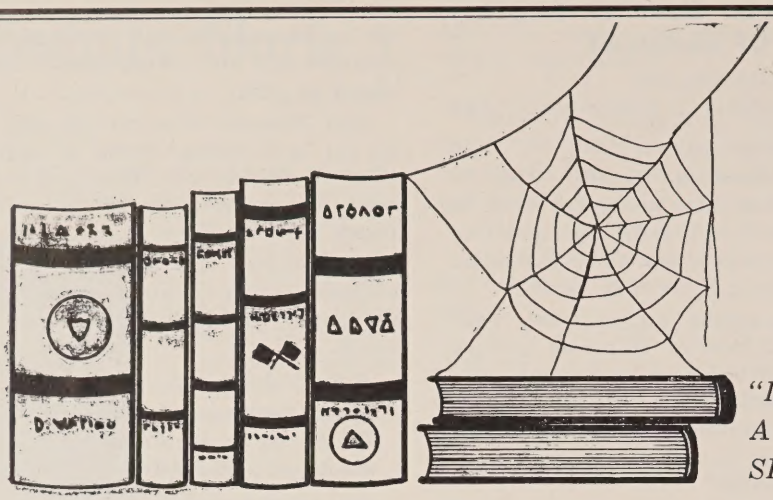

TEMPLE TOMES

"IT IS THE GLORY OF GOD TO CONCEAL A THING: but the honor OF KINGS IS TO SEARCH OUT A MATTER." **(*Prov.* 25:2)**

THE LISTENING HEART

The deep thinkers of Masonry rightly wonder about the building of King Solomon's temple — where did the idea for it come from? What is the origin of ideas?

Here is some simple arithmetic to give us an insight into ideas. Take the widely accepted statement "Energy equals Mass times the Speed of Light, squared.* In symbols it reads:

$$E=MC^2$$

If we multiply each side of the equation by infinity we still have a balanced equation.

Here we have an infinite amount of energy equalling an infinite amount of mass times the speed of light squared. This is an arithmetical expression of the Creation story, pointing to the fact that our Creator is all-Mighty, all-Powerful and Master of all great energy forms. He is Total Energy.

Being Total Energy, He is also Master of infinitesimal energy forms. For instance: We can go back to the original equation and multiply each side by an infinite number of zeroes to the right of the decimal.

Here we get an infinitesimal amount of energy equal to an infinitesimally small mass times the speed of light squared — or the energy of a thought wave, or idea.

With this in mind, lets examine King David's thinking concerning the building of King Solomon's temple. When he was a little shepherd boy in the fields of Ephrata on the hillsides of Bethlehem (House of Bread) he used to go annually with the family, at Passover time, up to Jerusalem. Remember that Jerusalem is 3,000 feet above sea level and the journey was quite an ascent. That's why some Psalms are songs of ascent, or songs of degrees. Our 132nd Psalm is one such. (Remember too that David was a "Sweet singer in Israel".) From the fourth verse we pick it up:

" . . . I will not give sleep to mine eyes or slumber to mine eyelids, until I find out a place for the LORD, an habitation for the Mighty God of Jacob.

Lo, we heard of it in Ephrata: we found it in the fields of the woods."

David also sings: "How precious are thy thoughts unto me, O God! How great is the sum of them . . ." Ps. 139.

Dr. Luke, in his writings uses a line " . . . David who found favor before God, and desired to find a tabernacle for the God of Jacob."

King David, in talking to his son Solomon said "My son, as for me, it is in my mind to build an house unto the name of the LORD my God." (I Chr. 22;7)

And Solomon said later "And it was in the heart of my father David to build an house for the name of the LORD God of Israel." (I Ki. 8;17)

The deep thinkers in Masonry know that we are given, through the orderly processes of the mind the thought, the idea and the determination to build within ourselves a spiritual temple acceptable unto God; a temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens; and to the listening heart He tells us how.

*From Einstein's theory of relativity.

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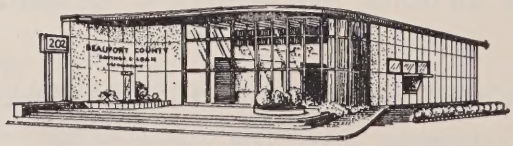

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BY CLYDE McCARVER, 32°, K.C.C.H.

WITHOUT A SONG!

One of the saddest statements to come from the heart and mouth of a "Man after God's Own Heart" is the result of his sitting by the waters of Babylon, in his captivity, and simply remembering Zion! Those who had taken the captives, in an act of mirth, required them to "sing one of the songs of Zion"! Whereupon reflection dictated the Psalmist to state a great affirmation in the form of a dynamic and soul-searching quotation: "How can we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?" How, indeed!

Our world is swiftly come to the place where we recognize that there seems to be little to sing about! We are in "a strange land"! Old and precious foundations have been shattered. One sees change occuring on every hand. This change has such a rapidity about it that we are left with the feeling of insecurity and wonder! It used to be that a man experienced one great change in a lifetime; but, not so anymore! Nothing seems to have abiding security about it. Change has been so rapid that we feel that little in life holds steady!

We are told by those who seem to know that our population will explode faster in the next fifty years than it has in the last fifteen hundred years! Where will they stand? Well, it might be sobering to realize another fact told by those who ought to know about such things: we hold in our hands right now enough destructive power to kill four hundred million people in one hour! I can't even begin to realize how much that is. I am sobered by the fact I am told that this equals one half tone of TNT for every man, woman, and child in the world! So one might go on and on telling the morbid and amazing facts about changes that have such import on our kind of living and philosophy. It will suffice to realize that we will soon rocket men to the moon; but as yet we have not learned the fine secret of lifting our heart and soul to the presence of the Almighty that He might give us peace within.

Rev. Clyde G. McCarver, 32°, K.C.C.H.

Whether we like it or not, this is the kind of world in which we find ourselves! There is little to sing about! This is the age of restlessness; a time when the traditions of the fathers are evaporating far too rapidly; a time of great irresponsibility. Ideals are being forsaken for the expediency of the moment; religion, itself, seems to be obsolete in many quarters! Even the best of us has his moments of alternation between faith and despair. Flower-children, hippies, ippies, and all shades between are among us in our society. They are all about the world. They are not confined to the campus of some university; they are not in London, Paris, or Berkley only! The self-same detachment from true reality and responsibility for life has crept into many lives which seem to be quite sedate and calm without. They have no "song in the heart" to keep them going forward in a great advance in building a better world. Too often we have allowed this to come into our Craft. If Masonry is not for placing confidence in the heart of a man and sending him forth in a crusade for a better world, it is not worth the time!

Some years ago we all got concerned about a small-souled individual who announced to the world that God is dead! O how we called our preachers and church school teachers and rabbi and priest! We knew that God was not dead! We had made affirmation of our belief in a Supreme Being! Some of us reaffirmed this at the altars of our Lodge. How dare one say that God is dead! Yet, I was sobered when I read something that I knew before, but maybe hadn't affirmed as I should have done! I read: "There may be more hope for an honest athiest proclaiming the death of God than for a dishonest believer, with the top of his mind professing to believe in God, and with the bottom of his mind and heart denying Him ultimate concern and right-of-way in his life." Now we arrive at the reason why we can't sing the Lords song! We are indeed in a strange land! These are the things which threaten to become our undoing today. This is why young and old alike are looking at us and crying: "Physician, heal thyself!"

Man of today has managed to control most of nature and master its laws to get what he thinks he wants; but he does not have the joy and harmony and peace within which he so sorely needs! One stated: "Man has contrived to steal the power of the Gods; but, fool that he is, he forgot to bring with it the clue to its right use — and here chaos is come again". How true. Chaos always comes when the living God is denied in our personal life, in our home, and in our country. When men have tried to truly live by faith in the Almighty, righteousness and love begin to conquer chaos. Men begin to have a new life and a song comes forth in to the very being! Here is the clue to life's meaning. Here is the clue to security and reality.

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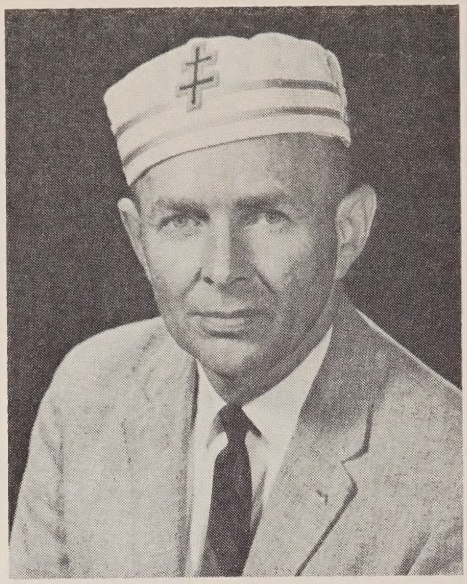
heroically. In a world of pervasive insecurity, we will react in fear and retreat to safety of a false kind or we will meet the challenge with faith and advance to the next stage of destiny. The question ever before the house of Masonry is whether we have that whereby we can bring our spiritual life to match the magnitude of our technological achievements. There ought to no longer be a question in our minds as Masons: God is laying out the designs for a new world. The Trestleboard is clear. There will be more demands on our time and ultimate allegiance than there has ever been before. Nineteenth century faith is not going to do much in our twentieth century world! The only thing Masonry has to fear — or the world, for that matter — is the small scale individual! We are too prone to want everything down to our size! We ought to be stretching our souls! Whether or not Masonry can be renewed sense of mission and ministry, whether she can spread the light in darkness of an insecure world, whether she can truly sing the song of Zion depends on whether or not those of us who dare to call ourselves Masons can rediscover what the light means anyway! When we do, we can "sing the song of Zion" in a strange land.

The same man who asked "How can we sing the song of the Lord in a strange land" said "the Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want . . . " What made the difference? Ah, my brothers, this is the quest after the Royal Secret! Seek for it with all your heart, soul, mind, body, and strength. This is what life is all about!. **So Mote It Be.**

DOWN ONSLOW WAY

Reynold Davenport, 33°

For some time now I've been trying to find out the going rate for predictions, but the market is sort of elusive. It makes you wonder how so many people ever managed to get into the predicting business in the first place. It's no mystery WHY they got into it — it's the absolute safest business there is. If a merchant goes into bankruptcy every time he opens up, or if a lawyer loses all his cases, or if a doctor loses all his patients, then that's it. They've had it. But these predicting people thrive on failure.



REYNOLD DAVENPORT, 33°
Jacksonville, N. C.

About the most outstanding examples of successful failures I ever heard of are the political pollsters and the hurrican forecasters. Of the two categories I pick the hurricane experts are the most sure-fire losers that ever came down the pike. I never knew one of 'em to make a prediction that was worthy of being called such, but they come right back at you season after season. You'll hear somebody say they're going down to the beach and button up the cottage because Hurricane Aspridosa is predicted to make a landing seventeen miles north of Wilmington in six hours. But where is old Aspridosa two days later? Why, she's still playing hopscotch between Charleston and Bermuda and the closest she's gotten to Wilmington is when she stumbled on one of her ninety degree turns. She don't have any idea where she's going and you can bet your last shoe horn that the forecasters don't either.

Try drawing a line on your map along the course the forecasters predict a hurricane will travel, then draw another line along the course it actually followed. The only thing those two lines'll have in common will be the map. Talk about divergence! Those two lines'll part company fastern's movieland newlyweds.

This summer the forecasters outforecasted themselves. They bravely announced that conditions were just right for the most productive hurricane season since Neptune was a teenager. They predicted we'd have so many hurricanes that we'd need a longer alphabet in order to find names for all the storms that would pass in review this fall. Well here it is October and so far we haven't had enough breeze to dry a bikini. It may be that we'll still get all those hurricanes before the season's done, but I'm betting against it. With no more time left than this that many hurricanes would have to come barreling up the coast bumper to bumper at flank speed in order to get out of the way of Santa Claus.

A few years back they started messing around with the idea of diverting hurricanes, or breaking them up. You'd read where they were all set to pounce upon some poor hurricane and bust it all to smithereens, but somehow or other they never could get a hurricane to cooperate. It was too far north or too far south. There wasn't enough moisture or there was too much. It was too big or too small. They didn't want to offend Castro. Always some excuse. You don't hear much about hurricane-busting anymore. What you hear now is that Florida citrus needs hurricanes, and you hear that atmospheric balance would get all out of kilter without hurricanes. The truth is, they've finally realized that the hurricanes are going when and where they darn please so they've graciously decided to give their permission.

I can put up with palm readers and crystal ballers and tea leavers and the like, but I just don't have any use at all for Hurricane forecasters.

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IMPERIAL OUTER GUARD, HARVEY WARD SMITH, 33°

At the stated meeting of Sudan Temple on September 12, 1968 several Nobles paid beautiful tributes to the many sided life of Harvey Ward Smith who was elected to the position of Outer Guard of the Imperial Shrine. In the last issue of the BAGPIPE this meeting was covered somewhat briefly, but one on the most beautiful and expressive tributes of all made during the morning's program was omitted. This particular tribute was a moving description of the life of Harvey Ward Smith in his year of service as Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina and was presented by Most Worshipful Charles A. Harris, Past Grand Master, Grand Secretary and Past Potentate of Sudan Temple. Following that issue of the BAGPIPE a copy of the tribute has been obtained and it is considered of such worth and beauty that it is thought appropriate to use it in this issue of the BAGPIPE. The tribute as Past Potentate Harris presented it at that time follows:

"Harvey is ample proof of the old saying that "Actions speak louder than words," because he instituted more new activities and advanced more new ideas than any Grand Master in my time.

He started the practice of having the Grand Secretary write a personal letter to every Master Mason who was reported as being a patient in a Veterans Administration or other hospital, and the Field Agents of the Masonic Service Association from as far away as Japan have notified us in this respect. Since this program was instituted during Harvey's administration, more than 1,800 such letters have been sent to our sick brethren.

He also advanced the idea of writing a personal letter over the signature of the Grand Master to all candidates elected to receive the degrees in Masonry. This letter is designed to reach the candidate before he receives the First Degree, and it contains much of the history of Masonry, as well as giving the candidate some idea of what he can expect from the Masonic Order. Although the letter was not perfected in its present form until shortly after Harvey went out of office, we have mailed out more than 15,500 such letters to elected candidates, along with a booklet titled **"On The Threshold."** Perhaps more than anything else said or done for the candidate, this latter and the booklet are responsible for the fewer number of degree dropouts we have had since 1961.

In April, 1961 Brother Smith recommended to the Grand Lodge that special aprons and jewels be furnished to the District Deputy Grand Lecturers, and shortly thereafter these items were designed by the late M.·.W.·. Brother Charles B. Newcomb, and an order was placed for them.

Harvey was the first Grand Master to recommend to the Grand Lodge that financial aid and other support be given to the Order of DeMolay and to the Order of the Rainbow for Girls.

He authorized the Committee on Miscellaneous Masonic Ceremonies to prepare a ceremony for the Open Installation of the Grand Lodge Officers. With the exception of one year, this ceremony has been used since 1961.

He sent a personal representative to the organization meeting of the Southeastern Masonic Conference in Atlanta on September 10, 1960, and was one of the first in North Carolina to suggest that our Grand Lodge join this Conference. The importance of our participation in the Southeastern Masonic Conference was brought home to a large number of Grand Lodge Officers and Past Grand Masters in August of last year when we were host to the Conference in Asheville. In welcoming the delegates from other states to this meeting last year, Past Grand Master Robert L. Pugh had this to say: (Quote) "There is a general feeling that down here in the southeastern states we have the last great bastion, bulwark, stronghold of Freemasonry and of Protestantism. We are gaining in the southeastern states, and we are gaining, I think, because we are advancing our program in the right way. Many states in the Union are losing in Masonic membership; many states in the Union are departing from the fundamental principles on which we were founded, and on which our government was founded; and I believe that unless and until we get back to a realization of the importance of these fundamentals, we are not going to make the progress that must be made if we are to go forward." (Unquote). Harvey was one of the first in North Carolina to see the importance of membership in this conference.

Brother Smith saw the great need for increasing the capacity of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home, which at that time was 75 guests. An extensive building program has been underway at the Home for some years, and the present capacity is 140 guests. He felt that two meetings per year of the Board of Directors of the Home was not enough to accomplish what was necessary to be done, and he increased the number of these meetings to four per year.

Harvey was the first Grand Master to invite a State Master Councilor of DeMolay to address an annual meeting of the Grand Lodge.

He was the only Grand Master to show enough interest in the Divisional meetings conducted by the Superintendents of the Orphanage and the Home to attend more than 20 of these meetings, at which time the Committees from the various lodges in the Districts are briefed on suggested fund-raising campaigns.

He held District meetings in 56 of the 58 Districts in the State at that time. It was necessary to cancel two meetings at the 11th hour because of a severe ice storm which prevented travel for several days.

Yes, truly Harvey Smith is ample proof that "actions speak louder than words."

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SCOTTISH RITE AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

The picture introducing this topic represents an excellent example of how Scottish Rite Masonry have united in their support of the public schools. The Onslow County Scottish Rite Masons for several years have demonstrated their concern of the public school system and have offered extensive cooperation to Superintendent J. Paul Tyndall, 32°, together with his staff and teachers in sponsoring a county-wide gathering of all school personnel for an afternoon meeting to be followed by a delightful dinner.

The meeting this year was held on Friday afternoon, August 30th in the auditorium of the Jacksonville High School. Present for the occasion were the teachers of the Camp LeJeune schools with Brother P. T. Lancaster, 32°, Superintendent, in addition to the Onslow County teachers. Brother A. F. Scarangello, Lt., U.S.N., 32°, gave the Toast to the Flag following which Mrs. Dorothy Childs sang the National Anthem. A very interesting feature of the program was the rendition of two special selections by THE SINGING TEACHERS of Camp LeJeune. The Democratic nominee for State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Dr. A. Craig Phillips, was also present and brought greetings from the State Department. Brother P. T. Lancaster, 32°, then introduced Major General and Brother J. O. Butcher, 32°, who brought greetings from the Marine Corps. Secretary Robert L. Pugh, 33°, introduced the speaker of the occasion, Dr. W. Amos Abrams, Editor of the North Carolina Education. The President of the Onslow-LeJeune Scottish Rite Club, Brother Maynard Dean, 32°, who is also Principal of one of the schools in Onslow County, pronounced the benediction.

This interesting session in the auditorium was followed by a most enjoyable outdoor barbecue dinner held on the Athletic Field of the school and more than 800 persons enjoyed the delectable repast. Music for the occasion was furnished by the Second Division Marine Band.

The Onslow-LeJeune Scottish Rite Club has cooperated with school authorities for several years in making this session such a tremendous success and in providing the school personnel with a recognizable degree of support and encouragement that is deeply appreciated by the school authorities. The manner in which the Scottish Rite brethren of this area have used this occasion as a public relations gesture establishes a worthy example for all.

The officers of the Scottish Rite Club were all seated on the stage and were recognized as such.

The picture which accompanies this article shows Major General and Brother J. O. Butcher, 32°, addressing the assembled group.

Superintendent J. Paul Tyndall, 32°, in a letter of appreciation to the Scottish Rite Bodies in New Bern states "It is my opinion that an occasion such as we had is one of the finest public relation gestures that a Scottish Rite Club could do. Perhaps this might spread to other areas to enhance the image of Scottish Rite and make school teachers and school people feel that they are an appreciated and wanted group." To this we only add, SO MOTE IT BE.

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SCOTTISH RITE CLUBS

ALBERT PIKE SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

The "Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club" held their regular meeting Monday night Sept. 16, 1968. Tetterton's Restaurant served the members of the club and their wives a delicious seafood dinner, which brought many deserved compliments.

The following members were present: Brother G. R. Leggett, Sr., President, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Lucas, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sawyer, Mr. and Mrs. Putt Landing, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Styons, Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Latham. Prospective guests with their wives; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jethro, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Sawyer, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Gurganus, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Williams. Much enthusiasm was shown, and great hopes are held for several candidates at our fall reunion.

Our next meeting to be held on Oct. 21, will be cancelled owing to our Ladies night to be held on the 23rd of Oct.

Never have Scottish Rite Masons lived in a time of greater opportunity to exhibit the importance of faith in God and obedience to His will, and never in the history of our generation would their failure to do so be more calamitous.

As we approach another Presidential election, we become suddenly aware of the nihilistic wasteland presented by the thinking and actions of many of the people of America.

Basic to the thinking of many of our people is the idea that contemporary American society (contemptuously called the "Establishment") is corrupt, evil, malignant, and must be destroyed.

For that reason, many in responsible positions take great delight in desecrating the American flag, mocking American heroes, and disparaging American history.

Is not this the time when we as Scottish Rite Masons, can show to the country and the world our true Americanism, that we teach with all fervency the principles of the brotherhood of man though many seem reluctant to put it into practice? Though each is permitted his individual belief in minor considerations, yet all profess belief in God and on this level can unite as is possible in no other organization on earth. Is not this why every dictator has felt the necessity of destroying the influence of Masonry before he could hope to succeed?

The power to destroy our nation is apparent. Not only by our enemies abroad, but in our very midst.

The inspired Daniel describes the exalted state of Nebuchadnezzar the Great. Yet it was less than seventy years later that a diligent enemy infiltrated the capital city guarded by drunken revelers and took over what was left of a once glorious empire that had fallen in decay.

Ancient history is a monotonous roll call of empires that rose only to fall again.

Modern empires repeat the same monotonous story. Once Spain was the leading power of Europe.

Another empire took its place in the sun and proudly made its boasts: "Britannia rules the waves" and "The sun never sets on the British flag." Britain is still a major power, but her golden age is past; her empire is obviously on the decline.

There are those who declare that America's decline also has begun, while others stoutly deny it. Be that as it may, one thing is sure: Unless America is guided by wiser counsel than any other land since the dawn of time, unless it takes a way as yet untrodden, unless America reverses the monotony of history and does what every nation has done before, she will decline.

Every American who loves his country ought to be interested in the Word of God to a nation on the decline. Before decaying Judah, the Almighty set a way of life and a way of death, and the people of Judah closed their ear and careened madly on in the way of death. In the monotony of history, nation after nation, empire after empire, has chosen the same dark way and rushed on to the same dark end.

But history is thus monotonous only because every people has chosen the dark way. Nations still can choose. The people of America can choose. And still the Word of God portrays the two ways as clearly as human language can paint a picture.

Many of us have lived through two world wars, and many lesser crises. If there is any one thing that has impressed me most in the conferring of the Scottish Rite degrees it is the fact of the universality of their application. Whatever the crisis of the moment happened to be, tne years ago or thirty years ago, it seemed that the truths here taught were written to fit that particular occasion. And so will it be for the pending crisis and the next until their causes are crushed. Until then the teachings of our rite will seem ever new until their purpose is achieved. And under their guidance we may look with confidence toward the solution of every future crisis, however formidable it may loom. We have the light to accomplish their solution.

Wilmer C. Chesson, Secretary

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CHOWAN COUNTY SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

The Chowan County Scottish Rite Club held a fish fry at the club home Friday night, August 22nd. Funds were raised for repairs and operation of the building. Almost 100% cooperation was enjoyed in this effort. A barbecue chicken dinner was planned for the near future.

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The Chowan County Scottish Rite Club held a barbecue chicken dinner at the club building on Granville St. on Friday evening Sept. 13. A good turn out enabled the club to raise additional funds for our building. Our gracious Ladies assisted their men, and good fellowship, plus profit was realized.

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The Chowan County Scottish Rite Club was host to the Ladies of our Club on Friday night, Sept. 27th at a fish fry, on the house. This was just a small token of our appreciation to the Ladies for their help in our recent fund-raising projects. A delightful program was enjoyed and attendance was excellent. Plans were discussed for future meetings as well as social dinners for the Ladies and possibly for potential Scottish Rite Members.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Henry G. Quinn, 32°, Secretary

DARE SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

The Dare Scottish Rite Club was called to order by the President. A motion was made and seconded for the treasurer to pay all bills. Each member was asked to please try to get one candidate for Fall Reunion.

The plans were made for Ladies' Night. The date was set for November 12, 1968.

The next meeting of the Dare Scottish Rite Club will be November 15, 1968 at the Manteo Masonic Lodge at 8:00 P.M. The meeting closed in order.

Arthur R. Johnson, Secretary

EAST CARTERET SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

The East Carteret Scottish Rite Club held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, October 7, 1968, in Franklin Lodge 109 with 23 members present.

The meeting was called to order by William J. Ipock, President. A letter was read and discussed regarding the pre-reunion banquet.

Plans were also discussed concerning prospective candidates for the up-coming reunion.

A motion was made and carried to have a stag supper Friday, October 11, 1968 at 7:30 at the Sea Level Inn with an invitation to all prospective Scottish Rite Masons.

After a few brief remarks the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Calvin E. Johnson
Secretary-Treasurer

ELIZABETH CITY SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

The Elizabeth City Scottish Rite Club met Monday night Sept. 23, 1968 at 8:00 P.M. to discuss our regular business. The club met at Widow's Son Lodge Hall No. 75, Camden, N. C.

The meeting was called to order by Brother Clarence H. Davis, President. Bro. Robert F. Spruce led us in prayer.

The Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting. The Secretary was asked to send Brother Homiel Swift a get well card. Brother C. B. Morrisett brought the membership buttons to the meeting. A motion was made to distribute the buttons to the members so they could wear them to each meeting. It was voted upon and carried.

Brother Walter Kirby was asked to make a talk on the dues going up from $10.00 a year to $15.00. Brother Kirby explained that operation expenses had gone up and that this is a fair way to meet the cost of operation of the Temple and other expenses.

Brother Davis asked Brother F. W. Clark, 33°, to state why Brother Robert L. Pugh, 33°, and the Budget Committee had decided to stop having a ladies' night supper and just have a supper for the members and candidates.

A motion was made and seconded, voted upon and carried that we have a ladies' night with Hertford and Edenton if the New Bern Consistory will pay $300.00 for the supper and our club will pay the difference.

There were about 35 members present. After the meeting refreshments were served consisting of hot coffee, cold drinks, cheese and cookies. The fellowship was good.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned until next month.

R. K. Hollomon, Secretary

ELIZABETH CITY SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

The Elizabeth City Scottish Rite Club held its regular monthly meeting Monday night at 8:00 P.M. in Widows Son Lodge Hall, Camden, N. C.

The meeting was called to order by Bro. Clarence H. Davis, President. R. K. Hollomon gave the invocation.

Brother Davis asked if any of the members had a list of candidates they could encourage to go to New Bern on Nov. 19, 20, 21 and take the degrees. There will be good entertainment each evening after the evening meal for the members, candidates and candidates' wives.

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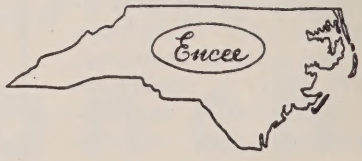

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The Elizabeth City Shrine Club had a supper the night of our meeting and caused our attendance to be smaller.

We now have 97 paid members for 1968 and hope to get a few more.

Refreshments were served and enjoyed by all. The fellowship was real good as usual. Our ladies night will be held Oct. 28th. We hope to have a good attendance of members and their wives and several candidates.

There being no further business to be attended to the meeting was adjourned until after the fall reunion.

R. K. Hollomon, Secretary

LENOIR COUNTY SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

The Lenoir County Scottish Rite Club held a regular meeting Aug. 14, 7:30 p.m. at the Barbecue Lodge.

Pres. Robert Whitefield asked Bro. Lee F. Dorsey to give the invocation after which we had a very delicious dinner. We had Bro. Harry W. Nelson, 32°, from Fort Pierce, Fla., as our guest.

We also had very special guests Bro. Carroll Mercer, Bro. Leslie Green, Bro. Horace Byrd and Bro. Ralph C. Pedigo. We hope to see all four and many more taking the Scottish Rite Degrees at our fall reunion.

Bro. Lee Dorsey spoke about the DeMolay meeting they had in New Bern.

A discussion was held about Ladies' Night.

Twenty-four attended this meeting. The meeting was closed by prayer by Bro. Bill Leggett.

W. Ray Futrell
Secretary-Treasurer

LENOIR COUNTY SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

The Scottish Rite Club of Lenoir County met on October 17, 1968 at 7:30 p.m. with President Robert H. Whitfield, 32°, presiding.

The meeting was held at the Lenoir County Shrine building for the annual Ladies Night, and also honoring candidates for the Scottish Rite. Brother Don Hines, 32°, gave the invocation. A turkey dinner was served by the Shrinettes of Lenoir County. Brother Marvin Noble, 32°, gave the welcome to the ladies. The response was given by Mrs. Frank Shivar.

Guests at the head table were introduced by President Whitfield. Secretary of the Scottish Rite Bodies, Brother Robert Pugh, talked to the candidates and ladies; and as usual, gave an informative talk.

Brother Marvin Kornegay introduced our guest speaker, Brother Judge J. W. H. Roberts, who gave a most inspiring message.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Brother Raymond Smith.

Respectfully submitted,
W. Ray Futrell, 32°

NEW BERN SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

William Shakespeare, in his classic play "Julius Caesar", is supposed to have said, "There is an affair in the tides of men when taken at the flood leads on to fortune", or words to that effect.

In the valley of New Bern we are expecting a flood tide November 19th, 20th and 21st. An affair where Masons will have an opportunity for more enlightenment. Reports are coming in that this affair will be the largest ever.

As usual, the Masons in the New Bern area of our Scottish Rite Club are being contacted so they may have an opportunity to join us in the beautiful degrees.

Hope to see many new brothers at our next reunion.

Oscar J. Aldridge, 32°
Secretary

OCRACOKE ISLAND SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

The Ocracoke Island Scottish Rite Club met on September 12th, 1968 with President Benjamin O'Neal, 32°, presiding. Twelve members were present. Brother Thurston Gaskill lead the group in prayer.

Brother Alex Ely reported that Brother David Ballance was much improved in health.

The following new officers were elected for the year:

Donald Snell, 32° _____President
Monford Garrish, 32° ___Vice-President
Elisha Ballance, 32° _____Sec.-Treas.

Respectfully submitted,
Elisha E. Ballance, 32°
Secretary

ONSLOW-LEJEUNE SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

On September 30, at 7:00 P.M., the Onslow-Lejeune Scottish Rite Club held its regular meeting at the Riverview Restaurant in Sneads Ferry, N. C.

President Maynard A. Dean opened the meeting by introduction of everyone present.

Invocation was given by Bro. E. W. Morgan.

Bro. Dean reviewed our recent Teacher Appreciation Day, by reading several letters of thanks and complimenting the members who participated and to the businesses who contributed to a very successful day.

A motion was made and carried that any money left over from this event, would be deposited in a special fund for our next teacher appreciation day.

Bro. Reynold Davenport, 33°, announced that Ladies Night would be held October 31, at the Jacksonville

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High School auditorium. Bro. Davenport reminded us of the Fall Reunion Nov. 19, 20, and 21, and urged everyone to seek a candidate.

Bro. Dean announced our next regular meeting would be held Oct. 21, in Jacksonville at the Moose Lodge.

After enjoying a delicious seafood dinner, Bro. Dean introduced our speaker of the evening, Bro. Conrad Sloan, principal of Camp Lejeune High School, who gave a splendid talk on The Modern Trend in Education.

Benediction was given by Bro. Allen H. Stafford and the meeting was closed.

There were 54 members and ladies present.

Elwood R. Bass
Secretary-Treasurer

PERQUIMANS COUNTY SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

On Wednesday night, September 11, 1968, at the Winslow-Blanchard Motor Company's show room, the Perquimans County Scottish Rite Club held their Ladies' Night Cook-out steak party, with fifty-four members, ladies, and invited guests present. Tables had been set-up and chairs arranged in the show room and the steak cooking was proceeding nicely when the guests arrived to join the fun; the cooking was done by our competent chefs Carson Spivey Sr., Horace Webb, Tuck Webb, Doc. Bonner, Shelton Morgan, John McDonald, Marvin Caddy, James White, Johnnie White, Matt Spivey Jr., Bob Spivey, and even Mrs. Sallie Bonner pitched in and helped with the onion peeling and slicing!

The cooking being about completed, President Carson Spivey Sr., called the meeting to order and asked Cecil E. Winslow, Vice President of the Winslow-Blanchard Motor Co., to give the invocation; the guests then lined up cafeteria style and filled their plates, after which they were seated and proceeded to enjoy the meal. Bob Spivey gave a brief welcome talk; then Pres. Carson Spivey Sr. turned the meeting over to G. C. Buck, Secretary of the club, who recognized and introduced the members, ladies, visitors, and special invited guests. Then came the welcome and recognition of brothers Neil Vester and Mrs. Vester and Wallace Jones and Mrs. Jones, who represented the New Bern Consistory in a splendid manner and gave inspiring talks which all of us enjoyed and appreciated. The following prospects were present and recognized: R. L. Schofield, Harvey M. Spivey, Carson Spivey Jr., and C. C. Walters.

A few guests from Virginia were present and made some interesting talks.

At the conclusion of the meeting one of the prospects, Harvey M. Spivey, walked up to Brother Vester and to Brother Jones and presented them his petition fully signed and approved, and the other prospects were asked to please govern themselves accordingly!

PITT COUNTY SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

The Pitt County Scottish Rite Club held its second meeting of the fall, Friday night September 27th, at the Moose Lodge, with fifteen members present. After a delicious meal consisting of roast beef, ham and fried chicken with all the trimmings, the members present had their business meeting.

Last minute details were worked out for the round up of candidates for the Fall Reunion on November 19, 20 and 21st. Several prospective candidates' names were presented and the companions present agreed to follow up on these and have them in New Bern for the fall class. The prospects for a good group from Pitt County are good.

At this meeting plans were also made for the Ladies night party to be held at the Greenville Masonic Temple on Friday night, November 1st, at 7 P.M. An interesting and entertaining program is being arranged for the evening. Companion Eli Bloom is the Master of Ceremonies. The annual ladies night party is one of the highlights of the season and creates a lot of interest and promotes a great deal of good will among the fraternity and its friends.

ROCKY MOUNT SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

The Rocky Mount Scottish Rite Club met at Melton's Barbecue on Wednesday evening, Oct. 2, at 6:45 o'clock, P.M., with Bro. Coyte R. Minges, President, presiding. A most delicious meal was served which consisted of barbecue, fried chicken and all the trimmings which make a complete meal even for those on a diet. The invocation was given by Bro. Silas D. Fuller.

We had 27 present at this meeting which included a couple of guests and two new members. The new members were; Brethren S. E. Hardee and Ernest L. Shifleet.

It was noted that since our last meeting three members had passed away; they were Brethren Gideon T. Matthews, Elmer T. Hobbs and John B. Pitt. The club honored the memory of these brethren by standing in a moment of silent prayer.

The following new officers were elected at this meeting as follows: John L. Thompson, 32°, President, James F. King, 32°, Vice-President and Frank L. Yost, 32°, Secretary-Treasurer.

Brethren Silas D. Fuller, Daniel E. Pitt and M. J. Stokes made brief remarks on the Reunion to be held in Enfield on Oct. 23rd. Several candidates have been signed for this Reunion and there are other prospects expected to join us on the Reunion date for the Scottish Rite Degrees.

M.W. Bro. Watson N. Sherrod, P.G.M., 33°, talked on the Scottish Rite Degrees and urged all those present to attend the Reunion on Oct. 23rd and renew their acquaintances and friendships with the brethren and candidates present on that date.

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WHY JOIN THE SCOTTISH RITE?

By Ill. Rev. Ridell A. Kelsey, Jr.,

M.S.A., 33°, Most Wise Master of Gourgas Chapter of Rose Croix

Why join the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry? Basically because of the personal satisfaction that you anticipate. You join for the personal enlightenment and privilege that become yours. Knowledge increases, you meet many new brethren who become your friends that in turn open the door to unknown delights and activities and still other friends that otherwise would not be possible.

You have the golden opportunity to both consciously and sub-consciously serve others. You take part in and become a part of a worldwide fraternalism that is unmatched by anything else. You can employ your leisure time more wisely with more of it counting for something more significant than you can achieve in any other manner.

The Scottish Rite is pledged and dedicated to the welfare of humanity. It's influence is far reaching. It influences the good river of life that constantly flows down the valley of society helping both the member and non-member to live nobler and more effective lives.

The Scottish Rite ritual, like all of Freemasonry's ritual, is, in part, a representation of the discovery of man and his image in today's world. Though one is never advised to become a member because of the personal benefits received, he who is active cannot but receive many such benefits as he helps the nation to find its place in the world. Your Scottish Rite membership makes you a partner in the establishment of that force which becomes a bastion of liberty in a world plagued by tyranny fanaticism, and ignorance, to say nothing of the greed and selfishness.

Your membership not only assures you that you are a recipient of liberty; it also reminds you that you become a guardian of that liberty. You are charged with the responsibility of protecting it, building upon it, and both preserving it and transmitting it to future generations—better than you received it.

Your Scottish Rite membership assures you that you are a part of a waning frontier whose goal is to preserve for society all that is good and noble and best for the world of humanity. The Tenets of Freemasonry, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, are the standard, the base and the morality upon which the Scottish Rite is founded. Thus they are more than ideals. Our teachings remind one that if he is worthy he is a leader who also serves. These teaching become springboards for the member to climb to the highest pinnacle of nobility and achievement.

Every arm of Freemasonry has its special emphasis of a charitable nature. The Scottish Rite is no exception. How tragic it is that so few accept this part of their obligation—to support the most worthy of causes sponsored not only by our Scottish Rite, but also by our Grand Lodge, our York Rite bodies, and the Shrine. As you note the names of those who support one of these good causes, you will often note the same name on all of them.

Like Freemasonry, The Scottish Rite does not profess to be a religion. We do not wish to be one. Yet every member has a belief in Deity and we teach and profess a moral standard that becomes a creative force in the mind, heart and action of its members. It has been my privilege to note that the Scottish Rite helps one to be more religious and to make one's religious beliefs more meaningful to the self.

How does one find that self-satisfaction, expression, and fellowship? I suggest that a Scottish Rite member finds it in three ways: through a sense of identity, a sense of dignity, and a sense of serving and sharing.

The ancient Hebrews in the Book of Leviticus were told, "Do not shave off the corner of your beard". They were so instructed that they might not lose identity with the passing of the years and that they might be identified when the moment came for those in captivity to return to their homeland." Just so membership in the Scottish Rite brings to one a sense of identity that can never be destroyed with the passing of time. Our teachings and precepts are kept intact through our degrees and our leadership, drawn from the finest of our members.

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days of the Psalmist (see Psalm 23 and 133) a special mark of recognition and honor was given to those especially revered by their fellowmen by the anointing of the head with oil. The best was both costly and hard to obtain. Aaron was held in such high regard and dignity by his fellowmen that the oil poured upon his head went down to the skirts of his garment. Our degrees in the Scottish Rite are of such dignity that the recipient becomes associated with the very best. Symbolically we annoint each member with dignity.

The mission of Scottish Rite Freemasonry is the buillding of the ideal Temple. He is the true Mason who works toward completing the plan of that Temple. He has to build himself as he builds the Temple. As he contributes to the building of humanity he finds both pleasure and satisfaction.

MASONIC FOUNDATIONS

By Robert L. Pugh, 33°, P.G.M.

It is doubtful indeed that a more timely subject could be selected, for surely there has never been a period in the history of humanity when man needs to be reminded more of those fundamental moral and spiritual foundations upon which the welfare of civilization depends. Today when discord, strife and hatred are found too much in abundance in almost all corners of the universe, man is everywhere crying, "Where is the firm foundation of the law of justice?" "What has happened to the bond of brotherhood which supposedly unites men in one great common band or society?" "What is the answer and where can the solution be found to the problems which confront men everywhere today?"

Mankind needs to be reminded again of the part that Freemasonry can and should play in solving the problems confronting us. Freemasonry has the answer! It is the answer God himself gave to the children of His creation because it is the answer which is based upon the foundation of faith in God. Faith in God is the cornerstone of Freemasonry and it is because of this faith in God as the chief foundation stone of our fraternity that the Holy Bible became the center of our Masonic life and the source of our teaching. No one can forget that among the first things we discovered on being brought to light in Masonry, was the Holy Bible upon the Altar, supporting the Square and Compasses. Words from the Bible were heard as we entered the Lodge in each of the degrees, and its light added lustre to every tool and symbol of the Craft. Thus it is the unalterable and irrevocable Masonic foundation.

It is this faith in God which Freemasonry used to build its temples in the hearts of men and among nations. Upon this faith in God as the chief foundation stone we dedicate ourselves to Freemasonry. Freemasonry has been variously described as: an international fraternity, a brotherhood, a philosophy, a religion, an allegory teaching fundamental truths by means of ritualistic symbols; a system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols.

The Masonic foundations which made our nation great in the past, those foundation stones which not only made our nation possible but also powerful, are the same fundamental foundation principles which will make it even greater in the future.

Masonry is the solid base, the broad foundation upon which our cornerstone is well and truly laid. This foundation stone unites two walls and it gives unity and solidity to a building. It is the keystone of the foundation. Everything depends upon it: everything proceeds from it. How true it is that our Masonic foundations were wrought out and laid down upon a bedrock of righteousness by wise and just men. Use these foundations and all will be well. By it all liberty will be regulated, and all law will be tested. Through its wise application the nations of the world will be united and yet each will keep its own integrity. Truly, my Brethren, it is the written will of God for us; it is our foundation, our security. This is Masonic Foundation.

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New Bern Chapter of Knights of Rose Croix
New Bern Council of Knights of Kadosh
New Bern Consistory

(City or Town) Date 19.....

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I, the undersigned, a Master Mason in good standing in.....

Lodge No....., located at..... under the jurisdiction of the Grand
(Give City and State)

Lodge of....., and have been a resident of the State of North Carolina for a period of six months. I have never* previously applied for any of the Scottish Rite Degrees, and I now respectfully petition to receive the Degrees from the....., inclusive, promising always to bear true faith and allegiance to the Supreme Council of the Thirty-Third Degree for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States.

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Print First Name	Print Middle Name	Print Last Name

Residence.....
City County State

Date of Birth.....
Day Month Year

Place of Birth.....
City County State

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Amount of fee accompanying petition, $.....
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(Scottish Rite Club)

BEAUFORT COUNTY SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

A steak cook-out was held at the Beaufort County Shrine Club Hut on Slates Stone Road. Each member brought his own steak and each charcoaled his own. The ladies prepared all of the extras. The supper hour was six-thirty. Brother Raymond Alexander gave the invocation.

After supper the ladies retired to get the place in order. There were twenty-two members present.

President Jackson called the meeting to order at seven-thirty.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was approved.

The Secretary read several communications from the Scottish Rite Bodies and the President assigned the suggested potential candidates names to members of the club. Each member promised to contact the candidates with the intention of signing them up for the Fall Reunion.

The club congratulated Brother Julian Vann on his achievement of the much coveted award, the five candidate award Medallion.

Brother Henry Jones agreed to accept the responsibility for the next meeting which will be on Sunday, November 3, 1968.

Brother Eddie Jackson introduced Alvin Hafer of Laurinburg, N. C., Dan Gilbert also of Laurinburg, Sandy Davidson of Hillsborough, N. C. and V. W. Hulevich of Wilmington, N. C. as his guest.

Mr. Davidson gave a very interesting talk of a horse back trip he made this past summer through the mountains of Montana and Utah. He explained that there were more than forty people on the trip and that it required some two weeks to make the journey. There were more than eighty horses on the trip that started from a Dude Ranch. Those taking the trip come from all walks of life from all over the United States. Some were single girls, teenage, and some were a little elderly. The trip must have been very exciting according to the way Mr. Davidson explained it.

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